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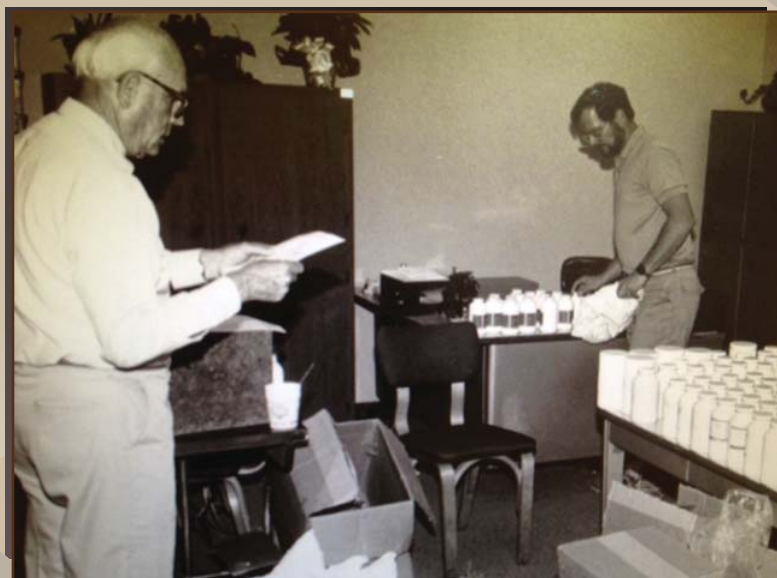
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## From the Archives

*A Trip Down Memory Lane 1939 - 2013*

The original statutes for narcotics and other dangerous drugs date back to the federal Harrison Act of the 1930s. This bureau was originally the Bureau of Food and Drug Inspection, within the Department of Public Health and Welfare from 1939 until 1970. After the federal Controlled Substance Act of 1970, the duties and name was changed to the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

The federal authority was also known as the BNDD and was in the U.S. Treasury Department along with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and also the Secret Service. In later years the federal BNDD changed its name to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and was moved to the U.S. Department of Justice. The Missouri authority still maintains its original name as the Missouri BNDD.



*Ernie Sojblom, R.Ph., chief, and Dave Smallwood, investigator, Bureau of Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs, review controlled substances seized during a diversion investigation.*

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Prior to 1970, the BNDD listed drugs in the categories of narcotics, stimulants, depressants and hallucinogens. These lists were published annually through the Secretary of State's Office. These pamphlets listed the drugs and provided rules for security and record keeping. After the federal Controlled Substance Act of 1970, the controlled substances were divided into Schedules for the first time and then codified in Chapter 195 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

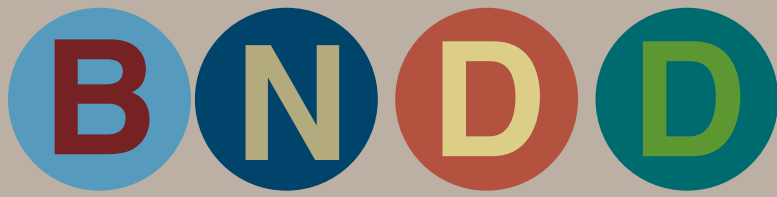
(right) Marihuana – The New Dangerous Drug. Provided for .35 cents in March 1950.

## What Pharmacists Should Do When NPLEx Denies a Pseudoephedrine Sale

There are situations where a pharmacy enters pseudoephedrine sale data into the NPLEx system and the system denies the sale. The NPLEx system does not provide a reason for the sale. This is to prevent arguments at the customer counter involving the pharmacy staff. As provided in the earlier NPLEx training materials, when a sale is denied, the pharmacy should provide the customer with the transaction ID number that was denied. The pharmacy should provide the customer with the NPLEx web address so that the customer may contact NPLEx directly. The NPLEx web address for customers is [www.nplexanswers.com](http://www.nplexanswers.com). Once the customer logs in their transaction ID number the NPLEx staff will discuss the denial with the customer and explain the reason for the denial. The pharmacies are reminded to provide the ID number and web address to the customer and not instruct the customer to call the BNDD, the DEA or local law enforcement to determine why a sale was denied.

## UPDATED Loss & Theft Reporting Form

All losses and thefts of controlled substances are required to be reported to the bureau upon discovery. A written report is required within 7 days, on the form provided by the bureau. The loss report form is available on the bureau's website at [www.health.mo.gov/BNDD](http://www.health.mo.gov/BNDD) under the link to Applications and Forms. This form has been recently updated to clarify what must be reported and when. The form is now a PDF document that registrants can complete online. After typing out the form online, it may be printed and faxed to the bureau or it may be saved and emailed to the bureau at [BNDD@health.mo.gov](mailto:BNDD@health.mo.gov).



# Applications Cannot Be Delegated

An application for a Missouri Controlled Substances Registration must be completed and submitted by the actual registrant who will be holding the registration. The completion and submission of an application cannot be delegated to another person. The application requires the registrant to complete the form and provide accurate answers and attest to the information they are providing. If a registrant allows another person to apply for them, this can cause others to provide information that is not accurate and is grounds for an application to be denied or registration disciplined.

## BNDD Has Busy Spring Providing Classes and Speaking Engagements

As the calendar and staffing allows, the BNDD provides courses on controlled substances record keeping and security. Presentations are provided to annual conventions of medical associations and different types of registrants such as hospital clinic physicians and emergency room physicians. Presentations are formatted for the appropriate type of registrant. The following is a listing of different presentations performed so far this year:

- January 18th—Missouri Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) annual convention;
- April 2nd—Columbia area physicians and pharmacists hosted by Boone Hospital;
- April 9th—Lake area physicians and pharmacists hosted by Lake Regional Medical Center;
- April 22nd—Area physicians and hospital staff hosted by Cedar County Memorial Hospital;
- April 23rd—Annual convention of the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (MAOPS);
- April 30th—Prescription fraud investigation hosted by the St. Peters Police Department;
- May 14th—Investigating hospital diversion, hosted by St. Louis University Hospital;
- June 8th—Annual convention of the Missouri Pharmacy Association (MPA);
- June 21st—National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators, in St. Louis, Mo;

If your group is interested in a presentation by the BNDD staff, email [bndd@health.mo.gov](mailto:bndd@health.mo.gov) or call 573-751-6321.

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